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DR. A. SREENIVASAN : What happened to the drugs that were found to be below standard? Were the manufacturers warned about it?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Yes, Sir. Manufacturers were asked to withdraw the drugs from the market and in some cases prosecution also was launched.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : How are the samples collected? Is it random sampling or the manufacturers themselves send samples for testing?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : It is, I think, random sampling.

Research Department of the College of Integrated Medicine

* 135 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of reports received by the Government from the Research Department of the College of Integrated Medicine; and

(*b*) whether the reports are examined by the Government, and if so, the result thereof?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Quarterly reports on the progress of research work carried out in the College of Integrated Medicine are being received.

(*b*) The reports are forwarded to the Government of India and their suggestions and comments on the working of the Research Scheme are given due consideration.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is it not necessary that the Members of the Legislature in the State of Madras should also be kept informed about the reports so that we may know what type of research is being conducted by these people?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : It did not strike me as such. What is being done now is, research is carried on and the report on the research is sent through the Dean to the Director of Medical Services. We then pass it on to the Government of India. This seems to be the entire responsibility of the Government of India because it is at their instance and help research is carried on here.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : The Madras Government do not pay any money towards the cost of research? I am told that the Government bear half the cost.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I am not sure of that position.

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SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Have the Government appointed only one doctor or two saying 'you carry on the research'? What is the manner and method in which the research is conducted? Is it supervised by any competent authority?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The staff is there. The staff belongs to the State but the Government of India pay a certain amount. I think it is Rs. 2,000 or so per patient. A particular drug is administered on patients suffering from a particular disease and the results are watched. Then a report is drawn up and sent. I think it ultimately goes to Jamnagar or so.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is it a fact that practitioners of Indigenous Medicine are under the impression that no research can be done with their drugs because they are too complex to be understood by ordinary people?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Different people may think differently of various things. But our point is this. It should be and it is scientifically tested, because a good deal is claimed for the indigenous medicines. If we believe all that they claim I do not know where we will be. That is why, we test them by administering them on the patients.

Conversion of sea-water into fresh water

* 136 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJALU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to convert sea-water into fresh water by atomic power to augment the drinking water supply to the City of Madras; and

(*b*) if so, the stage at which the matter now stands?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Internal Audit Organization

* 137 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Internal Audit Organisation mentioned in the 15th paragraph of the report of the activities of the Medical and Public Health Departments for the half-year ended 30th June 1959 has presented any report; and

(*b*) if so, to place a copy of it on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) The Internal Audit Organisation is intended to carry out a cent per cent audit of the transactions of the Government medical institutions and is not expected to submit reports to Government.

(*b*) Does not arise.